



Legislative Update September 2008

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This report updates the status of legislation of interest to the Commission. Bills on which the Commission has taken a position, or staff have recommended a position are listed, organized by subject area.

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The Commission advises the Governor and the Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the state's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission is available at www.cpec.ca.gov.

Access

AB 100 (Mullin), as amended August 21, 2008

Passed Assembly: To Enrollment

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, increases amounts for the new, K-12 “per-unhoused pupil” construction grant within the state School Facility Program. This bill originally proposed the Kindergarten–University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2008. Due to the change in content, staff recommends that this bill be removed from the Commission’s formal watch list.

AB 1409 (Portantino), as amended March 12, 2008

Senate Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, raises the limit of students who can be recommended by their principal for community college summer classes from 5% to 10%. The amendments eliminate prohibitions on the State Board of Education’s ability to waive certain school district requirements on recommending high school students for summer sessions, effective on January 1, 2010. This bill amends selective reporting requirements to the Department of Finance regarding concurrent enrollment, also effective on January 1, 2010.

AB 1409 revises other state reporting requirements, mandating that these reports distinguish between the total numbers of special admit full-time equivalent students enrolled in four academic categories and includes career technical education and coursework transferable to CSU and UC. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission’s formal watch list.

- No recent official support or opposition

SB 890 (Scott), as amended August 8, 2008

Passed Senate: To Enrollment

Commission Position – Watch

This bill, as amended, establishes the Early College Commitment Program to be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This effort is intended to increase college preparation for low-income and underrepresented K-12 students. Participating districts are required to conduct programs to increase high school completion rates, motivate students to take challenging coursework, provide students with college information, and hold preparation events. It provides that students who fulfill program requirements and enroll at a community college will be eligible for a Board of Governors fee waiver. The bill requires the Superintendent to evaluate the program and make a recommendation on whether it should continue. Recent amendments made various technical amendments and added legislative coauthors.

This bill is consistent with the Commission's policies on financial aid outreach and access. Costs could limit its application, but it could provide substantial outreach efforts to students. This bill is enrolled awaiting transmittal to the Governor. Staff recommends that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

- Support: This bill has received a broad base of support from K-12 districts, community college districts, community organizations, unions, and the private and public sector.
- Opposition (June 27, 2007 version): none received.

Affordability

AB 2261 (Ruskin), as amended August 18, 2008

Passed Assembly: Enrolled awaiting transmittal to the Governor

Commission Position – Support

This bill, as amended, authorizes the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to create a competitive grant program for faculty and staff to develop centers for “open education resources.” The bill defines open education resources as learning materials with copyrights that have expired or released with an intellectual property license that permits their free use. These materials may include entire courses, course materials, textbooks, classroom lecture videos, and other techniques to transmit knowledge. Grant recipients would be selected based on demonstration of ability to accomplish the goals of the bill. The two-year pilot program requires an outside evaluation and expires on January 1, 2012. Recent amendments stipulate that no additional state appropriations shall be requested or provided. Staff recommends the Commission continue to support this bill.

- Support (August 18, 2008 version): CPEC, California Community Colleges Board of Governors, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, CalPIRG, Greenlining Institute, and numerous community college districts.
- Opposition (August 18, 2008 version): none received.

Performance Assessment

SB 325 (Scott), as amended August 15, 2008

Passed Senate: Enrolled awaiting transmittal to the Governor

Commission Position – Support

This bill requires the state to establish an accountability framework for public and independent post-secondary education systems. The bill designates CPEC as the central repository of data for the framework and requires CPEC to collect, maintain, display, and provide biennial summary reports of the data. Recent amendments added an oversight committee and made clarifying changes in the use of the project's findings. CPEC worked closely with Senator Scott to clarify its role in the bill and to facilitate his objectives. This bill passed the Assembly on a 78-0 vote and the Senate on a 39-0 vote. Staff recommends that the Commission continue to support this bill.

- Support: CPEC, UC, CSU, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California.
- Opposition: none received.

SB 361 (Scott), as amended June 26, 2008

Passed Senate: To Enrollment

Commission Position – Support

This bill deletes CPEC activities that have been replaced with more relevant and purposeful work, and helps free up its resources for completion of higher priority work. The bill deletes from statute the following reporting requirements: adult and continuing education, financial conditions of independent institutions, evaluations of Cal-SOAP, standardized testing, and other reports. Recent amendments have not changed the substance of the bill. One recent amendment declares that required reports may be submitted in electronic format, and another includes legislative intent language that non-codified requests for reports adopted before 2008 shall no longer be in effect. This bill passed both houses with no “no” votes and is enrolled awaiting transmittal to the Governor. Staff recommends that the Commission continue to support this bill.

- Support: CPEC (position adopted March 25, 2008).
- Opposition: none received.

ACR 91 (Mendoza), as amended May 8, 2008

Assembly Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill expresses legislative intent that the community colleges increase the number of full-time tenured and tenure-track employees. Current regulations call for 75% of faculty to be full-time employees, but many colleges have not reached this goal. This resolution calls for the community colleges to make progress toward that goal and calls for increases in salaries and benefits for part-time and non-tenure-track faculty. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission's formal watch list.

- Support: California Federation of Teachers (co-sponsor), Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, (co-sponsor), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, California Teachers Association.
- Opposition: Community College League of California.

Private Postsecondary Education

AB 2746 (Niello), as amended May 19, 2008

Assembly Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, replaces the expired Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 with the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2008. The bill establishes the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Provisions include the new bureau's powers, duties, compliance and enforcement processes, definitions of which schools will be covered, approval processes for schools, school and student rights and responsibilities, and penalties for violations.

The bill, along with SB 823 (Perata), seeks to reestablish state oversight of private postsecondary education. The Commission helped to draft and supported the 1989 Act and had conducted reviews of the former bureau. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission's formal watch list.

- Support (March 24, 2008 version): Department of Consumer Affairs (sponsor), AICCU, CAPPS, Corinthian Colleges, License Instruction Schools, Log Cabin Republicans.
- Opposition (March 24, 2008 version): Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Center for Public Interest Law, Consumers Union, Sanville Institute, SEIU Local 1000, Western Institute for Social Research.

AB 519 (Portantino), as amended August 22, 2008

Senate: Re-referred to Committee on Rules

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, adds to and repeals sections of the Business and Professions Code relating to cosmetology and barbering. A previous version of this bill provided a five-year sunset extension to the statute allowing high school students to attend specified community college courses during summer session in exemption to a 5% limit on such attendance under current law. Subsequent amendments deleted the version of this bill which would have extended limited state oversight of private postsecondary institutions by the Department of Consumer Affairs. Due to the change in bill content, staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission's formal watch list.

- No recent official support or opposition.

SB 823 (Perata), as amended August 13, 2008

Passed Senate: enrolled awaiting transmittal to the Governor

Commission Position – Watch

This bill, as recently amended, reestablishes state regulation of private postsecondary schools, with specified exemptions, by a bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs and rewrites provisions of the now-expired Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 into the Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2008. The bill intends for the re-established Bureau to regulate private postsecondary institutions and enforce the provisions of the Act.

The Bureau's primary responsibilities under the Act include: establishing a transition plan to implement the provisions of this Act; establishing approval and re-approval requirements and processes for regulated schools; administering the Student Tuition and Recovery Fund; providing for strong

student protections and school disclosures of specific information to students; and establishing reporting requirements and providing for ongoing accountability to the Legislature.

This bill evolved since 2006 with input from a workgroup of stakeholders and has been the subject of numerous hearings and meetings. Staff recommends that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

- No recent official support or opposition.

Segmental Mission and Functions

AB 2489 (Arambula), as amended April 16, 2008

Assembly Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to review the Education Code and eliminate duplicative, unnecessary and obsolete provisions. The Superintendent would convene a group of stakeholders, including K-12, the legislative and executive branches, and higher education. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission's formal watch list.

- No official support or opposition.

SB 1585 (Padilla), as amended August 8, 2008

Passed Senate: To Enrollment

Commission Position – Support

The bill, as amended, establishes a voluntary five-year pilot program for up to ten community colleges to increase transfer to public four-year universities. The bill requires CSU, and requests UC, to establish outreach programs at participating community colleges. The Commission adopted a watch position on this bill as introduced. Recent amendments stipulate that this pilot project be cost neutral, deleted some legislative intent language and made other technical changes. This bill is enrolled awaiting transmittal to the Governor. Staff recommends that the Commission continue to support this bill.

- Support: CPEC, CCCCCO, Faculty Association of California Community Colleges.
- Opposition: none received.

Student Fees and Financial Aid

AB 1821 (Brownley), as amended August 18, 2008

Passed Assembly: Enrolled awaiting transmittal to the Governor.

Commission Position – Support

The bill, as recently amended, deletes and restructures selected higher education reporting requirements. The bill is intended to provide for more effective and manageable reporting to the Legislature by public college and university systems and agencies. The bill authorizes mandated reports to be submitted in electronic format. For technical reasons, this bill is connected to SB 1437 (Padilla). This pairing is necessary to avoid chaptering out problems within Ed Code § 48800, relating to reporting of community college concurrent enrollment. This subject matter was formerly contained in AB 2469 (Brownley), but removed and amended into AB 1821 as of the June 24, 2008 version.

AB 1821 initially dealt with CSU hiring and executive compensation. It was gutted and amended to deal with Competitive Cal Grant GPAs. In that form it clarified that students participating in the Competitive Cal Grant B award program may use a college GPA, if they have one, in lieu of a high school GPA. The “Cal Grant GPA” content was subsequently amended into AB 2260, which was signed into law on August 1, 2008. The Commission served on the workgroup that crafted this legislation, both as AB 2469 and now as AB 1821. Staff recommends that the Commission continue to support this bill.

- Support: CPEC.
- Opposition: none received.

AB 2082 (Salas), as amended July 1, 2008

Senate Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, requires the Student Aid Commission to add students in the California National Guard with at least two years of service to the list of those given special consideration for Cal Grant A and B awards. Under current law, Competitive Cal Grant awards recipients are selected for A and B awards from the applicant pool through a competitive process based largely on family income and grade point average, with special consideration for disadvantaged students. Because of limited funding, only about 18 percent of qualified applicants receive Competitive awards each year. This bill was held in the Senate Appropriations committee and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission’s formal watch list.

- Support: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, California Faculty Association.
- Opposition: none received.

AB 2083 (Núñez), as amended August 29, 2008

Senate Rules Committee

Staff-Recommended Position-- Remove

This bill requests the Community Colleges, CSU and UC to establish procedures to make students eligible for resident tuition under AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001) also eligible for institution-based financial aid. “Institutional financial aid” is defined as grants, scholarships, work study, and loans offered by a campus. Recent amendments title this initiative as *Student Financial Aid Opportunity Program: the Gilbert Cedillo Awards*.

This bill ensures that California complies with federal law requiring that states choosing to provide financial aid to students without documentation of legal status in the United States enact specific legislation to do so. In 2007, the Commission supported SB 1 (Cedillo), the “Dream Act,” which would have provided eligibility for Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards for students covered under AB 540. This bill was held in the Senate Rules Committee and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission’s formal watch list.

SB 1301 (Cedillo) also establishes procedures making “AB 540” students eligible for resident tuition.

- Support: This bill has received a broad base of support from CPEC, CSU, ACLU, K-12 districts, community college districts, community organizations, unions, and the private and public sector.
- Opposition: Californians for Population Stabilization, Concerned Women for America of California.

AB 2260 (Higher Education Committee), as amended June 9, 2008

Approved by Governor, August 1 2008

Chaptered by Secretary of State: Chapter 235, Statutes of 2008

Commission Position – Support

As amended, this bill clarifies that students participating in the Competitive Cal Grant B award program may use a college GPA, if they have one, in lieu of a high school GPA. The bill would allow all college GPAs to be used for purposes of a Competitive Cal Grant B award, making the GPA determination criteria identical to the Competitive Cal Grant A Program and consistent with the initial legislative intent. Without this bill, the Student Aid Commission will have to change its criteria for awarding future Competitive Cal Grant B awards by excluding the GPA students received in college courses other than those from community colleges.

This bill was amended on June 9, 2008 to include the content which had formerly been in AB 1821, which the Commission had supported. This bill was signed into law by the Governor.

- Support: CPEC.
- Opposition: none received.

AB 2365 (De La Torre), as amended March 24, 2008

Assembly Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, increases the percentage of new Cal Grant B recipients eligible for payments towards tuition and fees in their first year to 25 percent, effective with the 2009–10 academic year. This would grow to 50 percent for 2010–11 and to 75 percent for 2011–12, and would cover all new Cal Grant B recipients in 2012–13. Currently, these first-year students are only eligible for access awards (room and board), which do not cover tuition and fees. This bill did not make its fiscal

committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission's formal watch list.

- Support (March 24, 2008 version): CPEC, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, California State Student Association, CSU, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California.
- Opposition: none received.

AB 2372 (Coto), as amended April 14, 2008

Assembly Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill establishes the College Affordability Act of 2008 and sets forth legislative policy on student fees at public postsecondary education systems. The bill establishes the 2008–09 fiscal year as a base for the fee levels and prohibits increases from 2009–10 through 2014–05. The bill limits any subsequent increases to no more than the change in the California Consumer Price Index.

The bill establishes an income tax rate of 1 percent on taxable income above \$1 million. Receipts would be deposited into the state General Fund, with 60 percent put into the “College Affordability Fund,” created in this bill for continuous appropriation to CSU and UC. The bill creates the College Affordability Funding Accountability Panel to annually review expenditure of these funds. This bill is no longer active and staff recommends that the Commission remove this bill from its formal watch list.

- Support (April 14, 2008 version): American Medical Student Association, Associated Students of UC Riverside, California State Student Association, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Lambda Letters Project, Nu Alpha Kappa, CSU Stanislaus, Students and Families for Tuition Relief Now (25 chapters).
- Opposition (April 14, 2008 version): California Taxpayers' Association, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Log Cabin Republicans, CSU.

AB 2496 (Huffman), as amended July 2, 2008

Senate Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill requires expanding provisions that waive college tuition and fees to surviving children and spouses of public safety workers and military personnel to include survivors of firefighters employed by the federal government assigned to work in California. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission's formal watch list.

- Support: CPEC, California Professional Firefighters (sponsor), Lt. Gov. John Garamendi.
- Opposition: CSU.

AB 2722 (Duvall), as amended April 14, 2008

Assembly: Higher Education Committee

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, requires CSU and UC to set fees over a four-year period, effective with the 2009–10 fiscal year. The bill provides CSU and UC the discretion to set their systemwide fees for the four-year periods and deletes provisions that reduced fees in 2008–09 and 2009–2010. Sections of this bill are in line with Commission-adopted policies regarding student fees, but others are in conflict. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission’s formal watch list.

- Support: none received.
- Opposition: CSU.

AB 2876 (Leiber), as amended April 8, 2008

Assembly: Higher Education Committee

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, creates the Student Loan Integrity Act and expresses legislative intent regarding standards of ethical behavior for financial aid personnel at colleges and universities. The bill prohibits representatives of postsecondary institutions from engaging in various behaviors regarding student loans and financial aid. The bill requires all high schools and postsecondary institutions to post warnings to students regarding private student loans. The bill contains various sections detailing actions that would be considered illegal representations of student loan provisions.

The bill was heard in the Assembly Higher Education committee and several concerns were raised during the discussion. Among the concerns was that this bill could lead to frivolous lawsuits against lenders and institutions if the warnings were insufficient, and that penalties seemed excessive for what could be perceived as misleading statements. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission’s formal watch list.

- Support: CPEC (sponsor).
- Opposition: Accredited Out-of-State Colleges and Universities in California, CAPPS, California Bankers Association, Los Rios Community College District, University of Southern California.

SB 1158 (Scott), as amended July 3, 2008

Passed Senate: to Enrollment

Commission Position – Support

This bill, as amended, provides loan forgiveness under Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) to eligible credentialed teachers who agree to teach at public schools in the lowest 20 percent of API rankings. Some of the greatest shortages of experienced teachers are in low-API schools and this bill seeks to address this inequity. This bill shifts 400 APLE awards from the “district interns” category to the “veteran teachers” category. The bill also revises some conditions for making awards, revises award amounts, and makes technical changes to the APLE statutes. The bill limits the number of warrants that can be provided to 400 per year. This bill is enrolled awaiting transmittal to the Governor. Staff recommends that the Commission continue support this bill.

- Support: CPEC, Board of Registered Nursing, California Student Aid Commission, CTA, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Public Advocates.
- Opposition: none received.

SB 1219 (Cedillo), as amended June 10, 2008

Senate Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, provides a Cal Grant A or B Entitlement award to former members of the U.S. military when they enroll in a qualifying postsecondary institution, beginning in the 2009–10 academic year. The bill also requires the Student Aid Commission to make preliminary awards to all currently eligible applicants, and requires participating institutions to conduct random audits to verify that students who received new and renewal awards meet this provision’s eligibility requirements. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission’s formal watch list.

- Support: American GI Forum of California, Grossmont College Student Veterans Organization, Los Angeles Unified School District, Military Veterans Organization at UCLA, National Veterans Foundation, Student Veteran Organization at SDSU, Veterans Student Union, UC Irvine.
- Opposition: none received.

SB 1290 (Wyland), as introduced February 19, 2008

Senate: Veterans Affairs Committee

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill requires public postsecondary education systems to waive all mandatory tuition and fees for qualified members of the California National Guard. These waivers would apply to a maximum of five years of education. The waivers would apply to people who had served or are committed to serving at least three years, among other qualifying provisions. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission’s formal watch list.

- No official support or opposition.

SB 1301 (Cedillo), as amended May 6, 2008

Passed Senate: Enrolled awaiting transmittal to the Governor

Commission Position – Support

This bill requires public postsecondary education systems to establish procedures to make undocumented students eligible for resident tuition under provisions of AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001) also eligible for institutional financial aid. This bill ensures that California complies with federal law requiring that states choosing to provide financial aid to students without documentation of legal status in the United States enact specific legislation to do. Staff recommends that the Commission continue support this bill.

This bill is similar to AB 2083 (Núñez), which is held in the Senate Rules Committee and is no longer active. However, AB 2083 also includes provisions to make “AB 540” students eligible for Community College Board of Governors fee waivers.

- Support: CPEC; has received a broad base of support from K-12 districts, community college districts, community organizations, unions, policy and research organizations, and the private and public sector.
- Opposition: Californians for Population Stabilization.

SB 1355 (Corbett), as amended July 15, 2008

Passed Senate: To Enrollment

Commission Position – Support and sponsor

This bill, as amended, requires public and independent postsecondary institutions to provide prospective students with information clearly detailing the differences between private student loans. This bill requires colleges and universities to provide students with information in individual financial aid awards that distinguishes private loans from federal loans. Provisions in the bill also require institutions to make specified disclosures about private student loans and provide general information on the terms of the loan available through the lender and disclose the reason for each lender's inclusion on the list.

The Commission has historically supported improving information to students on financing their college education. This bill is enrolled awaiting transmittal to the Governor. Staff recommends that the Commission continue to sponsor and support this bill.

- Support: CPEC, California Faculty Association, California State Student Association, Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, the Project on Student Debt
- Opposition: CAPPS.

SB 1457 (Steinberg), as amended August 4, 2008

Passed Senate: To Enrollment

Commission Position – Support

This bill, as amended, creates the California Scholarshare Advancement Vehicle for Education program to fund scholarship accounts for beneficiaries as determined by the Scholarshare Investment Board. The board would be required to create subaccounts for different beneficiary categories. Donors would be able to designate a category of beneficiary. Current law prohibits the Scholarshare Board from accepting contributions that are not designated for a specified beneficiary. This bill amends the law to allow for such contributions and prioritizes as potential beneficiaries foster youth, at-risk youth, people with demonstrated economic need, and people seeking postbaccalaureate courses in areas where the state faces shortages. Recent amendments clarified eligibility requirements for California National Guard members and deleted the State of California from the entities meant to fund the CalSAVE program.

The students targeted for this college savings program are among the lowest college-going groups in California. Targeting areas where the state faces critical workforce needs is also consistent with the Commission's adopted goals. This bill is enrolled awaiting transmittal to the Governor. Staff recommends that the Commission support this bill.

- Support: CPEC, BayBio, California State Association of Counties, Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges, Children's Advocacy Institute, Children's Law Center of Los Angeles, Fresh Producers, Sacramento County Office of Education, State Treasurer Bill Lockyer.
- Opposition: Department of Finance.

SB 1621 (Ashburn), as amended May 28, 2008

Signed into law by the Governor, July 22, 2008 Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter 183, Statutes of 2008

Commission Position – Support

This bill, as amended, expands eligibility for the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE) program and makes other changes to this program. This bill specifies that an

otherwise qualified person who has been admitted to an institution of postsecondary education is eligible to receive a conditional warrant for a SNAPLE award. Currently, eligible persons who become employed as full-time nursing faculty at a California college or university are eligible to receive these conditional warrants for loan assumption. Recent amendments extend these provisions to professionals who do not immediately become nursing faculty after earning their degrees. The Commission believes that faculty with practical nursing experience are more effective in preparing nursing students for the workplace. The Commission and other researchers have documented the state's nursing shortage.

- Support: CPEC, Aging Services of California, California Community Colleges Board of Governors, California Federation of Teachers, California Hospital Association.
- Opposition: none received.

SB 1656 (Romero), as amended April 14, 2008

Senate Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, expands eligibility for the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) to teachers at schools for juvenile offenders in state correctional facilities. The bill takes effect in the 2009–10 academic year. It requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to identify schools and programs for juvenile offenders in Division of Juvenile Justice facilities. The Commission supports efforts to improve educational opportunities to underserved and underperforming populations. In addition, recent reports document the savings to the state when more inmates participate in educational programs. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission's formal watch list.

- Support: CPEC (sponsor), California Correctional Peace Officers Association, Youth Law Center.
- Opposition: none received.

Workforce Development

AB 2485 (Furutani), as introduced February 21, 2008

Assembly: to print

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill declares the Legislature's intent to enact future legislation requiring postsecondary education systems to work with industry, labor and others to develop a comprehensive plan to improve the quality of workforce education. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission's formal watch list.

- No official support or opposition.

SB 1288 (Scott), as amended April 23, 2008

Senate Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, authorizes CSU to award the doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degree. This program focuses on preparing nurses in advanced nursing practice, developing faculty for nursing education programs, and enabling working professionals to earn the degree. Programs established under this provision must not duplicate research-based Ph.D. programs in nursing offered by UC and research institutions. The bill requires CSU to seek non-state funding and to establish this program

when sufficient funding has been acquired. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and is no longer active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission's formal watch list.

- Support: CSU (sponsor)
- Opposition: none received.

SB 1393 (Scott), as amended June 9, 2008

Approved by Governor, July 22, 2008 Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 175, Statutes of 2008

Commission Position – Watch

Under current law, nursing students at CSU and the community colleges who have bachelor's degrees from a regionally accredited institution can be required to complete only the coursework needed for licensure as a registered nurse. This bill, as amended, tightens restrictions on which courses CSU and the community colleges can require these students to take. This bill prohibits institutions from requiring completion of any courses other than those that are unique to the institution's nursing degree program. This bill is intended to increase completion rates in nursing programs. This bill was signed into law.

- Support: American Nurses Association (California), Board of Registered Nursing, California Hospital Association.
- Opposition: none received.

Other Areas

AB 2277 (Eng), as amended on April 8, 2008

Assembly Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove

This bill, as amended, proposes to backfill the current-year shortfall in property tax revenue to the community colleges with state General Fund monies. The bill originally sought to change the Proposition 98-required funding for community college districts, but was amended to address the expected the recently reported shortfall in property tax revenues for the 2007–08 fiscal year. This bill is no longer active and staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission's formal watch list.

- No official support or opposition.

AB 2296 (Mullin), as amended on August 21, 2008

Passed Assembly: To Enrollment

Commission Position – Support

This bill, as recently amended, prohibits identifying academic researchers or their family members with the intent that the information be used for violence or threats of violence against those persons. The bill also revises criminal trespass laws. The bill makes it a misdemeanor to enter the residence of an academic researcher for the purpose of intimidating or interfering with the researcher's academic freedom. The Commission supports improving protections for college and university students and employees, particularly in light of recent attacks and harassment of animal research workers, such as occurred at UC Santa Cruz in mid-August. Staff recommends that the Commission continue to support this bill.

- Support (June 17, 2008 version): CPEC, AICCU, BIOCUM/California Biomedical Research Association, California Healthcare Institute, California Houndsmen for Conservation, California Institute of Technology, CSU, California Sportsman's Lobby, Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California, Safari Club International, Stanford University, UC, USC.
- Opposition (June 17, 2008 version): Animal Place, Animal Switchboard, Center for Constitutional Rights, Commission of Animal Control and Welfare, Equal Justice Alliance, and various individuals.

AB 2366 (Portantino), as introduced February 21, 2008

Assembly: to print

Staff-Recommended Position – Remove















This bill declares legislative intent to enact legislation requiring the CDE to link its California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) with the workforce data system maintained by EDD. CALPADS could monitor student progression through public elementary and secondary schools and into the workforce. The Commission has supported the creation of such a system, which would improve the state's education system and employment training programs. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and is not active. Staff recommends that it be removed from the Commission's formal watch list.

- No official support or opposition.

MATRIX 2007-2008 LEGISLATIVE - PRIORITY BILLS

updated as of 9/4/2008

Bill Number	Author	Subject	CPEC Position	Dead/2 YR	1st Desk	1st Policy	1st Fiscal	1st Floor	2nd Desk	2nd Policy	2nd Fiscal	2nd Floor	Conf./Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	Comments
AB 100	Mullin	Education facilities: per-unhoused-pupil grants.	Support	Enrolled													08/31/2008-Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.
AB 519	Portantino	Barbering and cosmetology.	Watch	2nd Policy													08/30/2008-Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
AB 1409	Portantino	Pupils: concurrent enrollment in community college and secondary or elementary school.	Watch	2nd Fiscal													07/28/2008-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 6/4/2008 hearing)
AB 1821	Brownley	Public postsecondary education: reporting requirements.	Support Position Letter	Enrolled													08/28/2008-Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment. (Ayes 76. Noes 0. Page 6910.)
AB 2082	Salas	Student financial aid: military service.	Watch	2nd Fiscal													08/07/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Held under submission.
AB 2083	Nunez	Student financial aid: institutional financial aid eligibility.	Support Position Letter	2nd Policy													08/29/2008-Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on RLS.
AB 2260	Committee on Higher Education	Postsecondary education.	Support Position Letter	Chaptered													08/01/2008-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 235, Statutes of 2008
AB 2261	Ruskin	Community colleges: open education resources centers.	Support Position Letter	Enrolled													08/28/2008-Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment. (Ayes 77. Noes 0. Page 6906.)
AB 2277	Eng	Community Colleges: property tax revenues.	Watch	Dead													05/30/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
AB 2296	Mullin	Academic research.	Support Position Letter	Enrolled													08/29/2008-Urgency clause adopted. Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.
AB 2365	De La Torre	Cal Grant B awards: award amount.	Support Position Letter	Dead													05/30/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

AB 2366	Portantino	Pupil data: workforce outcomes.	Support, if Amended	Dead 	05/06/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). Last location was PRINT
AB 2372	Coto	Public postsecondary education: system-wide fees: limitations: tax levy.	Watch	Dead 	05/30/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
AB 2485	Furutani	Workforce development.	Support	Dead 	05/06/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). Last location was PRINT
AB 2489	Arambula	Education: code maintenance.	Support Position Letter	Dead 	05/30/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
AB 2496	Huffman	Public postsecondary education: tuition and fees.	Support Position Letter	2nd Fiscal 	08/07/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Held under submission.
AB 2517	Portantino	Teacher credentialing.	Watch	2nd Fiscal 	08/07/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Held under submission.
AB 2722	Duvall	Public postsecondary education: statewide student fee policy.	Watch	Dead 	06/02/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). Last location was HIGHER ED.
AB 2746	Niello	Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2008.	Watch	Dead 	05/30/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
AB 2876	Lieber	Postsecondary education: Student Loan Integrity Act.	Support Position Letter	Dead 	06/02/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). Last location was HIGHER ED.
ACR 91	Mendoza	California Community College faculty.	Watch	1st Fiscal 	05/22/2008-From APPR. SUSPENSE FILE: Remains in APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.
SB 325	Scott	Postsecondary education: Educational and Economic Goals for California Higher Education.	Support Position Letter	Enrolled 	08/20/2008-Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. (Ayes 27. Noes 4. Page 5214.) To enrollment.
SB 361	Scott	Postsecondary education: California Postsecondary Education Commission.	Support Position Letter	Enrolled 	08/07/2008-Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. (Ayes 39. Noes 0. Page 4849.) To enrollment.
SB 823	Perata	California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2008.	Watch	Enrolled 	08/31/2008-Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. (Ayes 22. Noes 14.) To enrollment.
SB 890	Scott	Pupils: Early Commitment to College program.	Watch	Enrolled 	08/19/2008-Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. (Ayes 25. Noes 13. Page 5141.) To enrollment.

SB 1158	Scott	Student financial aid: Assumption Program of Loans for Education.	Support Position Letter	Enrolled ██	08/19/2008-Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. (Ayes 34. Noes 4. Page 5153.) To enrollment.
SB 1219	Cedillo	Student financial aid: member and former members of the Armed Forces.	Watch	1st Fiscal ██████████	06/10/2008-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
SB 1288	Scott	California State University: Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.	Watch	Dead ██	05/30/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
SB 1290	Wyland	National Guard: educational benefits.	Watch	Dead ██	06/02/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). Last location was V. A.
SB 1301	Cedillo	Student financial aid: institutional financial aid eligibility.	Support Position Letter	Enrolled ██	09/02/2008-In Senate. To enrollment.
SB 1355	Corbett	Postsecondary education: private student loans.	Support - Sponsor Position Letter	Enrolled ██	08/19/2008-Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. (Ayes 24. Noes 11. Page 5160.) To enrollment.
SB 1393	Scott	Nursing programs.	Watch	Chaptered ██	07/22/2008-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 175, Statutes of 2008
SB 1457	Steinberg	Golden State Scholarshare Trust Act: Cal-SAVE program.	Support Position Letter	Enrolled ██	08/19/2008-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 26. Noes 12. Page 5150.) To Senate. Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. (Ayes 26. Noes 12. Page 5150.) To enrollment.
SB 1585	Padilla	California Community Colleges: transfer students.	Support Position Letter	Enrolled ██	08/19/2008-Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. (Ayes 22. Noes 11. Page 5158.) To enrollment.
SB 1621	Ashburn	Nursing education.	Support Position Letter	Chaptered ██	07/22/2008-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 183, Statutes of 2008
SB 1656	Romero	Student financial aid: Assumption Program of Loans for Education: eligibility.	Support - Sponsor Position Letter	Dead ██	05/30/2008-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
SB 1679	Florez	California State Lottery: California Higher Education Endowment Act.	Support	1st Policy ██████████	05/23/2008-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

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